

REMARKS

The Office Action dated October 6, 2003 has been received and carefully noted. The following remarks are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. However, the Office Action has only indicated that claims 1-10 are pending in this application and only addressed claims 1-10 in the Office Action. Applicant submits that the reason for this error is that the PTO is currently examining the wrong application and the wrong set of claims. Instead of examining the present application titled "AUTHENICATION IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK" which is a continuation of international application number PCT/FI99/00593 (WO 00/02407), the PTO is erroneously examining international application PCT/FI97/00315 (WO 97/45814) (hereinafter "VAZVAN"), which was a reference cited on the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application. This is clearly an error on the part of the PTO, since the present application was properly filed on December 29, 2000 with the proper specification and claims.

As evidence that the present application was properly filed, Applicant submits a courtesy copy of all papers originally filed on December 29, 2000. When the application was originally filed, the postcard receipt and the transmittal sheet correctly identified that the title of the present application is "AUTHENICATION IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK", that the present application is a continuation of international application number PCT/FI99/00593, and that there are 11 pages in the specification and claims 1-13 in the application. Furthermore, a Request for Corrected

Filing Receipt was filed by Applicant with the PTO on March 5, 2001, indicating that the drawings number, the total number of claims, the number of independent claims and the title of the invention were incorrect on the Filing Receipt. A courtesy copy of the Request for Corrected Filing Receipt is also enclosed. On March 21, 2001, the PTO issued a corrected Filing Receipt which corrected the title of the invention, but the corrected Filing Receipt did not corrected the drawings number, the total number of claims, and the number of independent claims.

The PTO also issued a Notice of Publication of Application on June 28, 2001 indicating that the present application was published on June 28, 2001. Since the wrong application is currently being examined, the wrong application was also published by the PTO on June 28, 2001.

Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the application as originally filed on December 29, 2000 be examined, as this application was properly filed pursuant to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice. Applicant also requests the issuance of another corrected Filing Receipt indicating the correct drawings number, the correct total number of claims and the correct number of independent claims. Applicant further requests the republication of the present application including the correct specification, drawings, claims and abstract.

Although the wrong application is currently being examined by the PTO, Applicant provides the following comments regarding the Office Action:

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

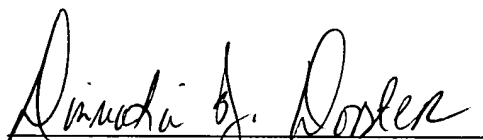
Claims 1-10 were objected to because of informalities noted in the Office Action. Applicant requests the withdrawal of these objections since the incorrect set of claims of Vazvan instead of the present application is currently being examined.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Vazvan (WO 97/45814). The Office Action stated that claims 1-10 of the application are “exact replicate of claims 1-10 in the Vazvan’s publication.” Applicant respectfully points out that the examined claims are exact replicate of claims 1-10 of the Vazvan publication because the PTO has incorrectly examined the Vazvan reference (WO 97/45814) instead of the present application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this rejection should be withdrawn and the application should be allowed or a new non-final Office Action should be issued.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Application Papers as filed on December 29, 2000 including:

1. Request for Continuation Application of International Application
2. Patent application including 11 pages of specification, 3 pages of claims, and 3 sheets of drawings
3. Preliminary Amendment
4. Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, copies of 9 references
5. Unsigned Declaration
6. Check in the amount of \$710.00 for the filing fee
7. Return postcard

Request for Corrected Filing Receipt



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Applicant: Verkama, Markku Examiner: UNKNOWN
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Title: AUTHENTICATION IN A TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

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Date of Deposit: December 29, 2000

The undersigned hereby certifies that this Transmittal Letter and the paper of fee, as described herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service 'Express Mail Post Office To Addressee' service under 37 CFR 1.10 and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

By:


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment into the above-referenced application.

ABSTRACT

Please insert the attached abstract into the application as the last page thereof.

CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

In Claim 3, line 1, please replace "as defined in claim 1 or 2" with --as defined in claim 1--.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to insert an abstract page into the application and to remove multiple dependencies from the following claims: 3

Applicant respectfully requests that this preliminary amendment be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

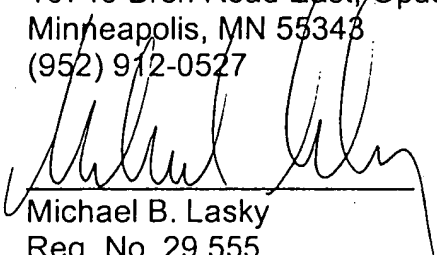
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's attorney of record, Michael B. Lasky at 952-912-0527.

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